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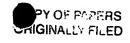
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For: ARRANGEMENT FOR PREDICTING AN ABNORMALITY OF A SYSTEM AND FOR

IMPLEMENTING AN ACTION OPPOSING THE ABNORMALITY

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2001, and having a period for response set to expire on February 28, 2002. Therefore, this Amendment is timely filed by February 28, 2002.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please REPLACE the pending specification with the Substitute Specification attached hereto.

Please REPLACE paragraph 0011 with the following new paragraph 0011:

A goal of the invention is to provide a systematic approach to the general problem, to derive a solution of this general problem from it and to determine a quantity (referred to below as prediction quantity) that is suitable for predicting dynamic events of a system. The early recognition of a pattern that represents an abnormality in a "normal" behavior of the system is of great significance, as, among other things, the following applied examples document.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Process AMENO dalms 1, 2, 18, and 17 in accord with the following: